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5. Talked with James Wood, on the staff of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, regarding the status of S. 917. Wood showed me the Committee's working draft of S. 917 which still retains the language which we requested. Mr. Wood is working on the Committee report on the bill but said it would probably be a week to ten days before the report is completed. He indicated that there is considerable dissension within the committee at the present time with respect to gun legislation.

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Delivered to Darden the letter to Chairman Russell from the Director dated 22 April 1968 concerning our retirement legislation. It was Darden's view that probably Senator Russell would go for the single item relating to modernization of the cost-of-living. However, he will advise us of the Senator's reactions.